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MONDAY, JUNE 25TH, 1855.

THOMAS ROMNEY ROBINSON, D.D., PRESIDENT,
in the Chair.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE EARL OF CARLISLE, Lord Lieutenant, attended the meeting.

On the recommendation of the Council, it was Resolved to place £50 at the disposal of the Council, for the purchase of Antiquities.

George Petrie, LL.D., read an account of the ancient shrine or cover of the Gospels of St. Molaise.

J. F. Waller, LL.D., read a paper on the revival of Italian literature in the fourteenth century, especially in relation to Dante, Petrarch, and Boccaccio.

Robert Mallet, Esq., read a paper on the bursting of ordnance when firing heated shot.

The Rev. Dr. Todd read the following paper by the Rev. Dr. Hincks on certain animals mentioned in the Assyrian inscriptions:—

“ It may be questioned whether there be any two branches of human knowledge between which it would be safe to say that no connecting link could possibly exist. It is, at all events, certain, that studies which appear at the first glance to have nothing in common, have been often found capable of rendering valuable assistance to one another. And it is no small advantage that a society like the Royal Irish Academy possesses, the meetings of which are attended by persons who are engaged in all manner of dissimilar investigations,